



FIRST SAMOAN CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SAN DIEGO



“Malamalama o Samoa” (Est: 1955)



NEWSLETTER #2:
MARCH 2021

Taeao Manuia i le Tapua’iga a le tatou Nu’u Lotu o le Malamalama o Samoa.

Momoli atu ia e lenei sulu, alofa’aga i le Suafa Paia o lo tatou Ali’i Faaola, o Keriso Iesu.



BIBLE VERSE
FOR 2021:

“Inā tula’i ia, inā
tatou faia ia.
Ona latou fa’amalolosi
ai lea i lenei
Galuega Lelei...
“Let us rise up and build.
So they strengthened
their hands for the Good
Work.”
(Ne’emia / Nehemiah
2: 18)

O le agaga talitonu, o lo’o manuia aiga uma i le Alofa Tunoa ma le Alofa Mutimutivale o lo tatou Tapa’au Sili, o i le Lagi. E ui lava ina feagai ma fitā o lenei vaitau, e le gata ona o le Koviti-19, a o tulaga ese’ese o lo’o afaina ai le saogalemu o aso, viia pea le Suafa o le Atua Silisili Ese.

Ia tatou fa’amoemoe pea i le Atua, o lo’o fetalai,
“O Lo’u nei Alofa Tunoa e lava lea e fesoasoani ia te oe; auā o le vaivai e faa’atoaina ai Lo’u Mana – My Grace is sufficient for you, for My Power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Korinito/Corinthians 12:9)

Greetings of Love and Blessings in the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, Amen!

Please take time to read over our February Newsletter, as we continue to ensure that our Church Family is up to date with all that is happening through the Months of 2021.

We pray for each Household, that you will know the Blessings and Providence of God whatever your situation may be.

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2021

ASO SA/ Sunday	ASO GAFUA / Monday	ASO LUA / Tuesday	ASO LULU / Wednesday	ASO TOFI / Thursday	ASO FARAILE Friday	ASO TO'ANA'I Saturday
	1	2 7.30pm: Praise Team.	3  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	4 7.30pm: Praise Team.	5	6  *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. (In Homes) *5.00pm: Praise Team.
7 LENT 3  8.30am: *Zoom Sunday School* 10.00am: O Le Fa'amanatuga/ Communion.	8	9 7.30pm: Praise Team.	10  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	11 7.30pm: Praise Team.	12	13  *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. (In Homes) *5.00pm: Praise Team.
14 LENT 4 8.30am: *Zoom Sunday School* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship	15	16 7.30pm: Praise Team.	17  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	18 7.30pm: Praise Team.	19	20  *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. (In Homes) *5.00pm: Praise Team.
21 LENT 5 8.30am: *Zoom Sunday School* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. *Aso Fa'amanatu a Le 'Au Talavou/ Youth Choir Anniversary* *Lafoga / Maintenance Offering*	22	23	24  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	25	26	27  *8.00am: Prayer Mtg. (In Homes) *Mafutaga Tina Plate Sale* *5.00pm: Praise Team.
28 ASO SA  LAUPAMA / Palm Sunday 8.30am:	29  7.00pm:	30  7.00pm:	31  7.00pm:			

Zoom Sunday School	Holy Week Service.	Holy Week Service.	Holy Week Service.			
10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship						

O LE LENITENE / SEASON OF LENT



*Sunday, 7 March 2021. > Fa'amanatuga / Communion.
(Lent 3) 9.50am – LiveStream on Facebook.



*Sunday, 14 March 2021. > Tapua'iga / Worship.
(Lent 4) 9.50am – LiveStream on Facebook.

*Sunday, 21 March 2021.
'Au Talavou / Youth Choir Anniversary.
(Lent 5) 9.50am – Live Stream on Facebook.

*Sunday, 28 March 2021. > Tapua'iga / Worship.
ASO SA LAUPAMA / Palm Sunday
(Lent 6) 9.50am – Live Stream on Facebook.

“O Le Atua
o Le Agaga lava la;
o e tapua’i ia te la,
e tatau ona tapua’i
atu ai i le Agaga
ma le
Fa’amaoni... God Is
Spirit, and those
who Worship Him,
must Worship Him
in Spirit and in
Truth!”
(Ioane / John 4: 24)



**FONO
TATALO**



***Every Saturday
Morning In our
Homes at 8.00am***



**Services Begin on Monday, 29 March
2021**

Monday, 29 March 2021 @ 7.00pm
(Service Led By Mafutaga Tinā / Women’s Fellowship)



Tuesday, 29 March 2021 @ 7.00pm
(Service Led By Mafutaga Tamā / Men’s Fellowship)

Wednesday, 30 March 2021 @ 7.00pm
(Service Led By 'Au Faipese Tele / Chancel Choir)

Maundy Thursday Communion, 1 April 2021 @ 7.00pm
(Service Led By Aiga Tiakono / Deacons)



Good Friday, 2 April 2021 @ 7.00pm

(Service Led By 'Aoga Aso Sa / Sunday School)

Good Friday, 3 April 2021 @ 5.00pm

(Service Led By 'Au Talavou / Youth Choir)

PASTORAL MATTERS



*It was with great sadness that we learnt of the Passing of **Mrs. Salaiali'i Taeatafa on Friday, 29 January 2021.***

***Sala** was a long serving and faithful Member and Financial Member of the Congregation. **Sala** sung loudly and proudly in the 'Au Faipese Tele / Chancel Choir as an Alto for many year, and had also been a Member previously of the Mafutaga Tinā/ Women's Fellowship. **Sala** was a great supporter of the Bingo Games every Monday and Saturday. We were able to Worship with*

***Sala** one final time in the Sanctuary she loved so much, when she was brought to Worship on **Sunday, 14 February 2021.** **Salaiali'i Taeatafa** was laid to Rest at a Graveside Service on **Tuesday, 16 April 2021** at Greenwood Memorial Park. We Praise God for **Sala's** Committed and Loving Service to this Church. May **Sala** Rest in God's Love, Grace and Peace. Let us also continue to keep **Sala's** Family in our Prayers.*


Congratulations
on your baby boy

**Praise God for the Safe Arrival of
HUNTER LOMBARDI HOLLINS
on Sunday, February 7 2021.**

**GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS and
CONGRATULATIONS to**

**MARAIA TAF AO & RAPI SOTOA III
who were Married on Tuesday,
9 February 2021.**



GOD'S BLESSINGS AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATING
THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:

2nd: Chris Faló. 3rd: Honesty Fa'alave.

5th: Ben Solomuli.

11th: Brandon Savaiinaea.

20th: Linda Auimatagi.

21st: Fa'afiu Savini.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

~~We return to God~~ all the Glory and the Honor, for the excellent start to the **Aoga Aso Sa**, which began with great excitement, and enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents, especially our precious children for committing their Sunday Morning to more learning, not just any learning, but sound and meaningful lessons from God's Holy Word.

We began Sunday School, on February 14th, all via ZOOM, with 6 classes, 60 enrolments and 53 attendants, 6 Teachers and 5 Aides, 3 Admin Staff.

On the horizon, the children will be taking part in **Holy Week Services** leading up to **Resurrection Sunday 4th April** and are preparing a video presentation for **Good Friday Service** which is the **2nd of April**.

This year, the children will have an **Easter Egg Drive Thru**, because we are still under the **Covid-19 restrictions**. We are humbly asking for help with Easter Eggs and Candy. We were able to present a gift for the late **Mrs Salaiali'i Taeatafa**, and received

gratefully a gift in return. Thank you to the children and family of *Salaiali'i* for their generosity.

Aoga Tusi Paia // Bible Studies.

O lo'o iai pea le avanoa mo e fia mafuta e auala i Aoga Tusi Paia i vaiaso ta'itasi amata i le Masina o Fepuari 2021....



***Youth Bible Studies** led by Oliva Auimatagi Jr are held every Wednesday Evening @ 7pm on Zoom.

(Please contact Oliva for details)



***Senior Bible Studies** led by Rev. Solomona have begun and are every Wednesday Evening beginning @ 7pm on Zoom.

(Please contact Rev. Solomona for details).



NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

"Jesus said: "I Am The Vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you,

you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing!” (John 15: 5)

MAFUTAGA TINĀ



**Plate Sale: Saturday,
27 March 2021.**

The Women's Fellowship will be having a Plate Sale on Saturday March 27 2021.

You can place your Order on the Church Facebook Page beginning Friday, 5 March.

The Plates will contain Delicious, Cooked with Love:

**Pisupo Sapasui /
Corned Beef Chop Suey,
Fried Chicken,
Polish Sausage and Rice.**

The Cost of the Plate is

\$10.00

Desserts will also be available for purchase, **but only when you pick up your Order.**

Thank you for your

'AU TALAVOU / YOUTH CHOIR

The President and Officers of the 'Au Talavou express their gratitude to all who helped with the Sweet Box Fundraiser recently. Thank you to all the bakers for their culinary skills and members who donated. Special thanks to the many individuals, families and friends who purchased the delicious "Made with Love" Sweet Boxes. Praise God for a successful fundraiser, which amounted to \$ 3,215.00 May God return to you abundantly for all your support and generosity.

The 'Au Talavou Choir Anniversary is just around the corner, and we will celebrate this Special Day on the Sunday, 21st March in our Virtual Church Service beginning at 10.00am.

Many thanks to the Musical Directors and Praise Team for their efforts to learn the songs for the Anniversary. Fa'afetai Lava!



*At the time of writing, the
the Deacons are preparing
for*

their Plate Sale Fundraiser (Sat 27 Feb

**'AU
FAIPESE
TELE**



**"IA OUTOU PEPESE IA
IEOVA I LE PESE FOU!"**

**Let us Praise God, Give
Thanks for our Chancel
Choir as they Celebrate
their 66th Anniversary on
Sunday, 28th February 2021.**

****PLEASE**

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

The Needs of our Nation and World / The Church Universal / Healing for those who are afflicted with the Pandemic / Our Congregation: our Elders, Families, Youth, Children and Newborn Babies / Those who are facing Health Challenges: Lagituaiva, Matavai, Tiana, Liva, Rosemarie, Fagalima, Brenda, Matua, Elaine, Loretta, Manusamoa, Merapi, Leiloa, Afoafouvale, Etenauga...and all those we name in our hearts / Those who are Grieving the Passing of Loved Ones / Those who are Traveling / The Work of our Church, our Leadership and Branches and all our efforts in 2021....



From our Church Leadership: Officers & Board of Directors:

***In Response To Current San Diego County Health**

Pandemic Protocols, our Church remains Closed until further notice*

> Also Until Further Notice:

(1) All Sunday Worship Services will be on Facebook Live beginning at 9.50am.

(2) All Bingo Games at the Church – Monday and Saturday - remain closed.

> Your Opportunity to Support the Work of the Church:

(1) Without the Revenue from the Bingo and our Annual Po Fiafia / Family Night Fundraiser last year, we give thanks to God for your Faithful Giving/Tithing and Financial Support, that enabled the Church in 2020 to meet all its Financial obligations as well as offering Benevolent Support as the need arose. As Church Leadership, we are extremely grateful for all you have offered for God's Church, and we pray that He sees your hearts and will Bless you accordingly.

(2) Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Church's Lafoga / Monthly Maintenance Offering. This Offering is on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Contact **Treasurer Leumele Tafao** or **Financial Secretary Siupolu Niumata** for details on how you can contribute.

(3) Our Main Fundraiser for this year will be through a "BINGO SQUARES" game. We look forward to the support of the 'Au Fai Ipu / Financial Members, and any others who would like to contribute in this way. The Bingo Square Sheets will be distributed shortly to the 'Au Fai Ipu. Please contact **Church Secretary Mrs Siatu'u Eli** for details or if you have any questions.

(4) If you are interested in becoming a Fai Ipu / Financial Member of the Church, please contact the **Moderator: Lay Preacher Ionatana Eli** or Minister for more information.

***Praise God and Welcome to our Newest Fai Ipu / Financial**

Members:

IRENE FALO* *OLIVA & SOLIAANA AUIMATAGI

Thank you for your commitment to support God's Church in this way.

SALAMO 55: 22

Ia e tu'uina atu ia Ieova o mea e te popole vale ai; o IA lava na te tausia oe; na te le tu'una e fa'avavau le amiotonu ia fa'agaetia.”

